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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG



**DARKEST  
STORM**  
PART 1 OF 3



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SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG



Disney's **Lilo & Stitch**

# "DO THE VOLCANO DANCE!"

NOT  
TOO CLOSE,  
STITCH!

THIS IS...  
**KILAUEA!**

IT'S THE  
MOST ACTIVE  
VOLCANO IN  
THE WORLD!

EARLY HAWAIIANS  
BELIEVED IT WAS THE  
HOME OF POWERFUL  
FIRE SPIRITS!

OOOH--  
SPIRITS!

MAGNIFICENT!  
PLEAKLEY, THIS  
REMINDS ME OF  
MY FIRST LAB--IT  
WAS ON PLANET  
MAGMA 12!

BUT ISN'T  
THE SURFACE  
OF THAT WORLD  
COVERED WITH  
MOLTEN  
LAVA?

YES! IT WAS  
UNBELIEVABLY  
HOT--BUT RENT FOR  
THE LAB WAS ALSO  
UNBELIEVABLY  
CHEAP!!



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# THE DARKEST STORM

## Part One: THE GATHERING TEMPEST

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I HAVE LEARNED EVERYTHING ABOUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

I HAVE KNOWN OF EVERY BATTLE AND VILLAIN HE HAS FACED.

OF ALL HIS FOES, HIS DEADLIEST HAVE BEEN...

...DOCTOR IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK...

...IXIS NAUGUS...

...AND MAMMOTH MOGUL.

...EACH A THREAT. HOWEVER...

I AM THE NEW FORCE THAT WILL DISPOSE OF THEM AND SONIC.

I AM CALLED ANONYMOUS.

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I HAVE DECIDED  
TO USE KNOT-  
HOLE, HOME  
TO SONIC.

A NEW AND  
UNTESTED  
KING SEEKS  
TO REVIVE  
THE OLD  
WAYS...

...SO IN LIGHT OF  
YOUR SERVICES TO  
MY FATHER, I WOULD  
GLADLY RETURN YOUR  
KNIGHTHOOD.\*

I APPRECIATE  
IT, ELIAS... ER,  
YOUR MAJESTY...  
BUT I DON'T NEED  
A TITLE TO KEEP  
ME COOL.

COME  
NOW,  
SONIC.  
KNIGHT-  
HOOD IS A  
PRESTIGIOUS  
HONOR.

COOLER  
THAN "HERO OF  
EVERYTHING"?  
NAA, UNCLE CHUCK,  
IT'S COOL. BESIDES,  
THERE'S ALREADY  
A KNIGHT IN  
THE FAMILY--  
YOU!

\*S# 78  
AND  
# 93.

THAT'S ONE REASON I  
ASKED FOR YOU, SIR  
CHARLES. IT'S ALSO WHY  
I HOPED YOU WOULD  
ACCEPT, SONIC.

EVEN DURING THE  
GREAT WAR, MY  
FATHER COULD RELY  
ON HIS KNIGHTS AND  
THE COURT OF  
ACORN...

NOW I AM KING  
AND MY PEOPLE ARE  
STILL AT WAR WITH  
DR. EGGMAN.

IF I AM GOING  
TO LEAD US  
TO PEACE, I NEED  
SUPPORT. I NEED  
A NEW COURT  
OF ACORN.

STARTING WITH  
ANYONE WHO  
REMAINS FROM  
THE OLD COURT.

PARDON ME,  
BUT IS A YOUNG  
MASTER PROWER  
IN?

WHA--?  
WHO'S LOOKING  
FOR ME?



YOUR UNCLE,  
CHOSEN ONE.  
I AM MERLIN  
PROWER.

R-REALLY?  
ATHAIR TOLD  
ME ABOUT  
YOU\*...BUT...  
I NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D  
GET TO...  
I'VE NEVER  
HAD...

I KNOW, MILES.  
I'M SORRY I'VE  
BEEN KEPT AWAY  
FROM YOU FOR  
SO LONG.

\*S# 149.

I AM HERE NOW, THOUGH,  
AND I PROMISE TO HELP  
REBUILD OUR FAMILY.

I'M JUST HAPPY  
TO FINALLY HAVE  
SOMEBODY BACK!

I WISH WE HAD  
MORE TIME, BUT  
I'M AFRAID I  
MUST SPEAK WITH  
THE KING RIGHT  
AWAY.

~SNIFF~ IT'S OKAY,  
AS LONG AS YOU  
PROMISE TO STAY.  
WHAT DO YOU  
NEED TO SEE  
THE KING FOR?

HE HOLDS PART OF THE  
KEY TO SAVING THE ANCIENT  
WALKERS... AND TO KEEPING  
HIM SAFELY TRAPPED.

MAMMOTH  
MOGUL!\*

\*S# 150



AS THE  
MOBIANS  
TRY TO  
REBUILD...

...DOCTOR  
EGG MAN  
QUICKLY  
WORKS TO  
DESTROY.

I HAVE AN UPDATE  
FOR YOU, FATHER.

GIVE  
DADDY  
SOME  
GOOD  
NEWS,  
A.D.A.M.!

YOUR EGG GRAPES  
ARE NEARLY COMPLETE.  
SENSORS READ 99%  
BIDFIELD-DELETION.

FANTASTIC!

FATHER?

YOU SEE, M, THIS MEANS  
I CAN SOON MOVE ON  
TO MY NEXT PHASE!

ONCE THE ERASURES ARE COMPLETE, I  
WILL SYPHON POWER OUT OF THE ZONE  
OF SILENCE, PURIFYING IT THROUGH  
THE EGG GRAPES, GIVING ME THE RAW  
ENERGY OF AN ENTIRE DIMENSION!

WHY  
DRAIN  
THE  
MOBIANS?

SO THAT THEIR EMPTY  
HUSKS WILL ACT AS A  
KIND OF FILTER!

IS THERE NOT  
A MORE  
EFFICIENT WAY?  
CAN YOU NOT  
REACH YOUR  
VISION...

...IN A  
QUICKER  
WAY?

OH, I'M  
SURE  
I CAN.

BUT WHERE  
WOULD THE  
FUN BE  
IN THAT?



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PLAY, FEW  
WILL WIN



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VERY GOOD, FATHER.

I THOUGHT SO. A.D.A.M.!

YES, FATHER?

TELL ME YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED THE INDIVIDUAL WHO CALLED HIMSELF "ANONYMOUS." \*

I AM AFRAID NOT, FATHER. I AM INDESCRIBABLY SORRY.

THEN RE-DOUBLE YOUR SEARCHING EFFORTS!

YES, FATHER.

\*S# 135

I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE FROM THAT HEDGEHOG WITHOUT SOME UPSTART BOTHERING ME.

ALTHOUGH HE PRESENTED HIMSELF BEARING GIFTS, STEALING MY ROBOTIZATION TECHNIQUE IS UNFORGIVABLE.\*\*



THEN HE SET MY NANITES TO SPREADING\*\*\* I WAS SAVING THOSE FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION!



\*\* ALSO S# 135  
\*\*\* S# 152--KINDA

NOW THAT I'M SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS, I DON'T NEED ANYTHING GETTING IN MY WAY.







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● YELLOWBALL MAKES ME MOVE.



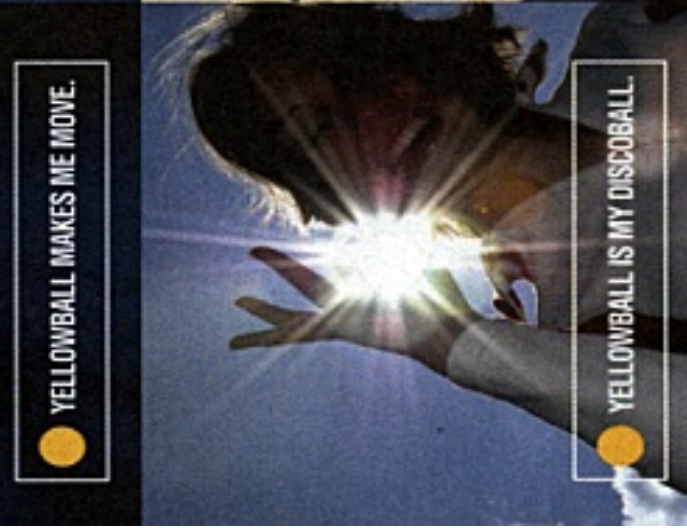
● YELLOWBALL IS MY SHOT CLOCK.



● YELLOWBALL IS MY GAME CONTROLLER.



● HIGHLIGHT REELS HAPPEN WITH YELLOWBALL.




● YELLOWBALL IS MY DISCOBALL.




● I GOT YELLOWBALL AIR TODAY.




● YELLOWBALL WIPES ME OUT.



● YELLOWBALL HAS ONE RULE: CATCH IT.



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I HAVE HAD TO  
TAKE INTO  
ACCOUNT  
DIVINE INTER-  
VENTION.

HOWEVER,  
THE GOD-LIKE  
ANCIENT  
WALKERS  
ARE EASY ENOUGH  
TO DEAL WITH.

MERLIN  
PROWER  
IS ON  
HIS WAY.

PLEASE  
HOLD ON  
JUST A  
LITTLE  
LONGER.

OUR  
PRESERVATION  
IS NO LONGER  
UNDER OUR  
CONTROL.



SINCE THE COMING  
OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS, WE HAVE  
WATCHED LIFE ON MOBIUS FLOURISH. WE HAVE  
JUDICIOUSLY ACTED TO PRESERVE THE WORLD  
FROM DARKNESS. FOR OUR DILIGENCE, WE HAVE  
BEEN STRUCK A MORTAL BLOW. OUR POWER IS  
FAILING.

WE HAVE SELECTED YOU ... AURORA,  
YOU ... ATHAIR, AND MERLIN PROWER  
TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE OF THE  
CHAOS FORCE AND TO PROTECT THE  
WORLD IN OUR STEAD.  
OUR GRIP ON LIFE IS SLIPPING. ANY  
ONE EVENT COULD TAKE US AWAY.



WE  
FORESEE  
A GREAT  
STORM  
APPROACHING.

YOU  
MUST BE  
PREPARED.





I'M SORRY!  
I DIDN'T  
INTRODUCE  
MYSELF!

QUITE ALL RIGHT, TAILS.  
YOUR UNCLE HAS TOLD ME  
ABOUT YOU. I AM SIR  
CONNERY, ONCE A  
KNIGHT TO KING  
MAXIMILIAN  
ACORN.

WHY  
DID YOU  
LEAVE  
?

I WAS SUMMONED  
BY THE ANCIENT  
WALKERS. I HAD  
COMPLETED MY WORK  
WHEN THEY SENT ME  
TO GUARD MERLIN.

GUARD  
HIM?  
FROM  
WHO?

FROM THE  
**DESTRUCTIX!**

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME,  
TAILS! GET THAT CHAOS  
EMERALD!

R-RIGHT!

BACK  
OFF!  
DON'T TOY  
WITH HIM,  
PREDATOR  
HAWK. I HEAR  
REENFORCE-  
MENTS  
COMING.

THUD



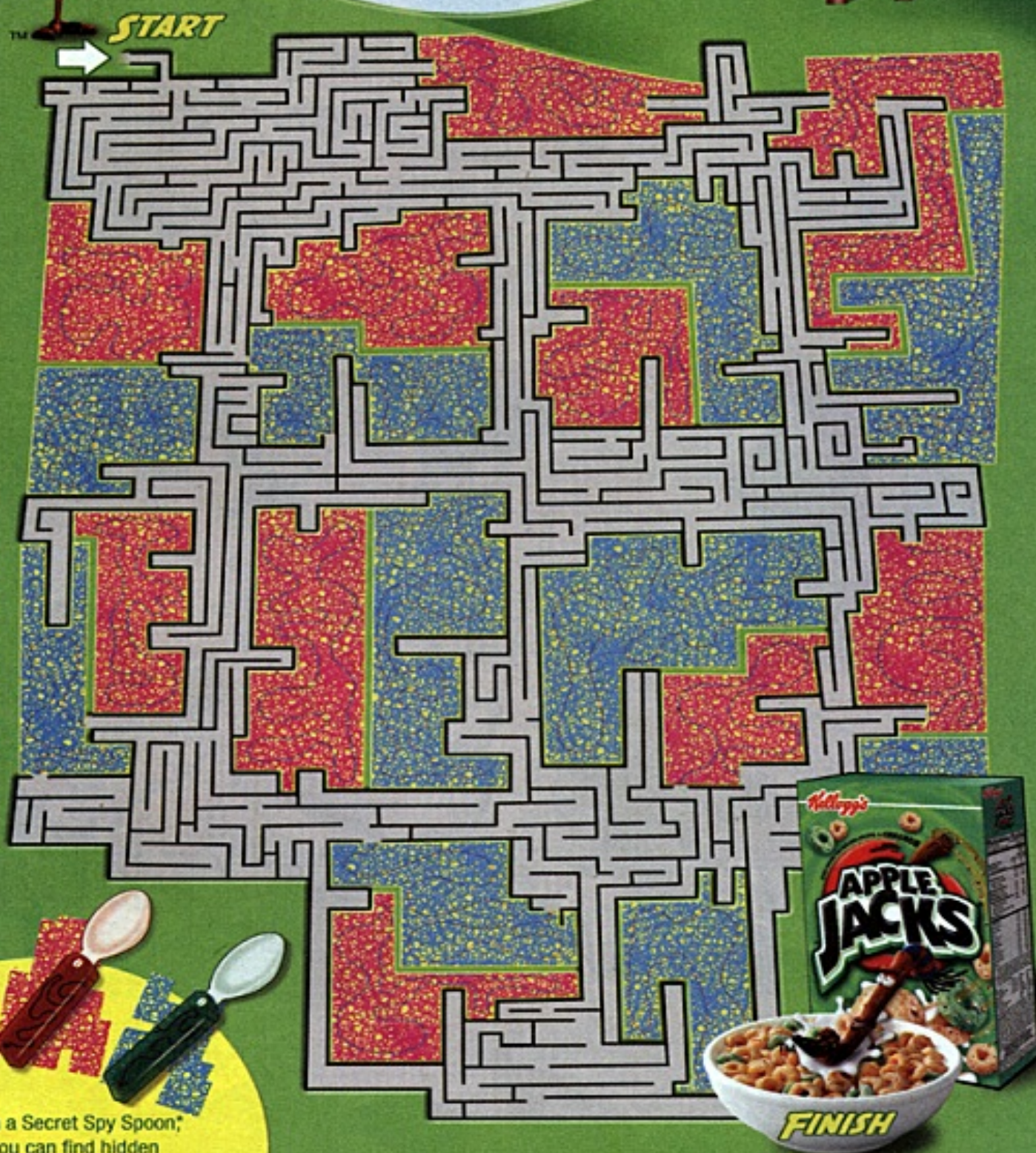






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A NEW KING,  
OLD HEROES,  
SAME FATE.

EACH UNAWARE  
THAT THEIR  
WORK WILL BE  
FOR NAUGHT.

YOUR TIMING COULDN'T  
BE BETTER! MERLIN  
PROWER! SIR CONNERY!  
PLEASE RISE AND TELL  
ME WHAT HAS BROUGHT  
YOU HOME.

I WAS CALLED FROM YOUR  
FATHER'S SERVICE BY THE  
ANCIENT WALKERS. THEY  
GAVE ME THIS--THE SWORD  
OF LIGHT--TO PURGE THE  
WORLD OF DARK MAGIC.  
WITH THAT DUTY FINISHED,  
THEY CHARGED ME WITH  
GUARDING MERLIN PROWER  
AND HIS PRECIOUS  
CAPTIVE.

CAPTIVE?

MAMMOTH MOGUL, MY  
LORD--RECENTLY  
DEFEATED AND TRAPPED  
WITHIN HIS OWN CHAOS  
EMERALD.\* HE FELL  
TO A TRAP SET BY THE  
ANCIENT WALKERS  
LONG AGO.

\*S # 149

THOUSANDS OF  
YEARS AGO, THE  
ANCIENT WALKERS  
FORESAW MOGUL TO  
BE A THREAT. WHILE  
THEY REFUSED TO  
COMBAT DESTINY,  
THEY DID CURSE  
THE EMERALD THAT  
MOGUL WAS FATED  
TO OBTAIN.

MOGUL USED ITS  
POWER, AND THE  
CHAOS EMERALD  
ALWAYS LED HIM TO  
A KEY MISTJUDGE-  
MENT--UNTIL HE  
WAS ULTIMATELY  
TRAPPED  
WITHIN.

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SO WHAT'S  
THE  
PROBLEM  
?

ONCE HE WAS FREE  
OF THE MASTER  
EMERALD\*, MOGUL  
USED THE LAST OF  
HIS STRENGTH--

...TO WOUND  
THE ANCIENT  
WALKERS. THEY  
HAVE BEEN  
DYING EVER  
SINCE.

\*SONIC # 79

IF THEY DIE,  
THEIR CHARM  
OVER THE  
EMERALD  
WILL BREAK,  
AND MOGUL  
WILL BE FREE.

THEN  
WHAT  
CAN WE  
DO?

SINCE  
YOU'VE COME  
TO ME, I'M  
GUESSING I  
CAN HELP  
SOMEHOW.

INDEED! YOUR  
CROWN AND ITS  
MATE--THE **SWORD  
OF ACORN**--ARE  
ESSENTIAL TO  
SAVING THE  
ANCIENT  
WALKERS.

THE CROWN?  
WHAT'S SO  
SPECIAL ABOUT  
IT AND THE  
SWORD?

I CAN  
ANSWER  
THAT  
FOR YOU,  
ELIAS.

SALLY!

I DEALT  
WITH BOTH  
PERSONALLY,  
BROTHER.

THEY WERE MADE FROM A PURE  
SAMPLE OF THE **SOURCE OF ALL**--  
THE SUBSTANCE THAT IS THE BASE  
MATERIAL FOR EVERYTHING.  
THEY CAN CHANNEL AND PRODUCE  
VAST AMOUNTS OF MAGICAL  
ENERGY.





I GAVE THE SWORD OF ACORNS TO THE ORPHANS OF UMA ARACHNIS WHEN IT SEEMED TO BE GROWING TOO... COMMANDING.\*

I WAS AFRAID THEY WOULD BE SEPARATED. WE MUST FIND THE SWORD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



YOU WON'T START YOUR SEARCH EMPTY-HANDED. I CAN GIVE THE CROWN OF ACORNS TO PROTECT MY PEOPLE FROM A FUTURE THREAT.



OF COURSE YOU CAN HOPE. YOU'VE GOT THE ONE AND ONLY SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERE.



I HOPE THOSE CRAZY KIDS HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING STUPID WITH THE SWORD





I TELL YA, KIDS,  
I COULD LOOK AT  
THESE HOPELESS  
EXPRESSIONS  
ALL DAY.

BIOFIELD-DELETION  
COMPLETE, FATHER.

AH, HOW  
BITTER-SWEET!  
ONE TORTURE  
ENDS WHERE  
ANOTHER ONE  
BEGI--

**SMASH!**

EGAD!

AT LAST--  
I STRIKE!

A.D.A.M.! WHY ARE  
THE EGG GRAPES  
POWERING UP?!

I DO NOT KNOW, FATHER!  
THE EGG GRAPES ARE  
BEHAVING OUTSIDE OF  
THEIR PROGRAMMED  
PARAMETERS.

I CANNOT  
STOP THE  
PROCESS.

M! STOP  
PLAYING AROUND  
AND GET DADDY  
TO SAFETY!

YES,  
FATHER!

AHH!  
CAREFUL,  
MECHA!

**ZKAT!**



# BATMAN

**REAL NAME:** Bruce Wayne

**EYES:** Black (as Bruce Wayne)/White (as Batman)

**HEIGHT:** 41 mm (as Bruce Wayne)/48 mm (as Batman)

**HAIR:** Black

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** LEGO Batman sets, April 2006

**DESCRIPTION:** Crimefighter who uses incredible skills and technology to battle for justice.

**ORIGIN:** Orphaned as a young mini-figure due to the actions of a criminal, **Bruce Wayne** dedicated his life to fighting evil. Now he has rebuilt himself as the Batman.

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NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE!





LOCK  
DOWN  
THE EGG  
GRAPE  
CHAMBER,  
A.D.A.M.!

YES,  
FATHER.

MY CAREFUL MON-  
ITORING AND MAN-  
IPULATION PAYS OFF  
AT LAST!

IN ONE ACT OF  
LOYALTY, THEY  
SET OFF THE  
CHAIN OF  
EVENTS  
THAT I  
HAVE  
DESIRED!



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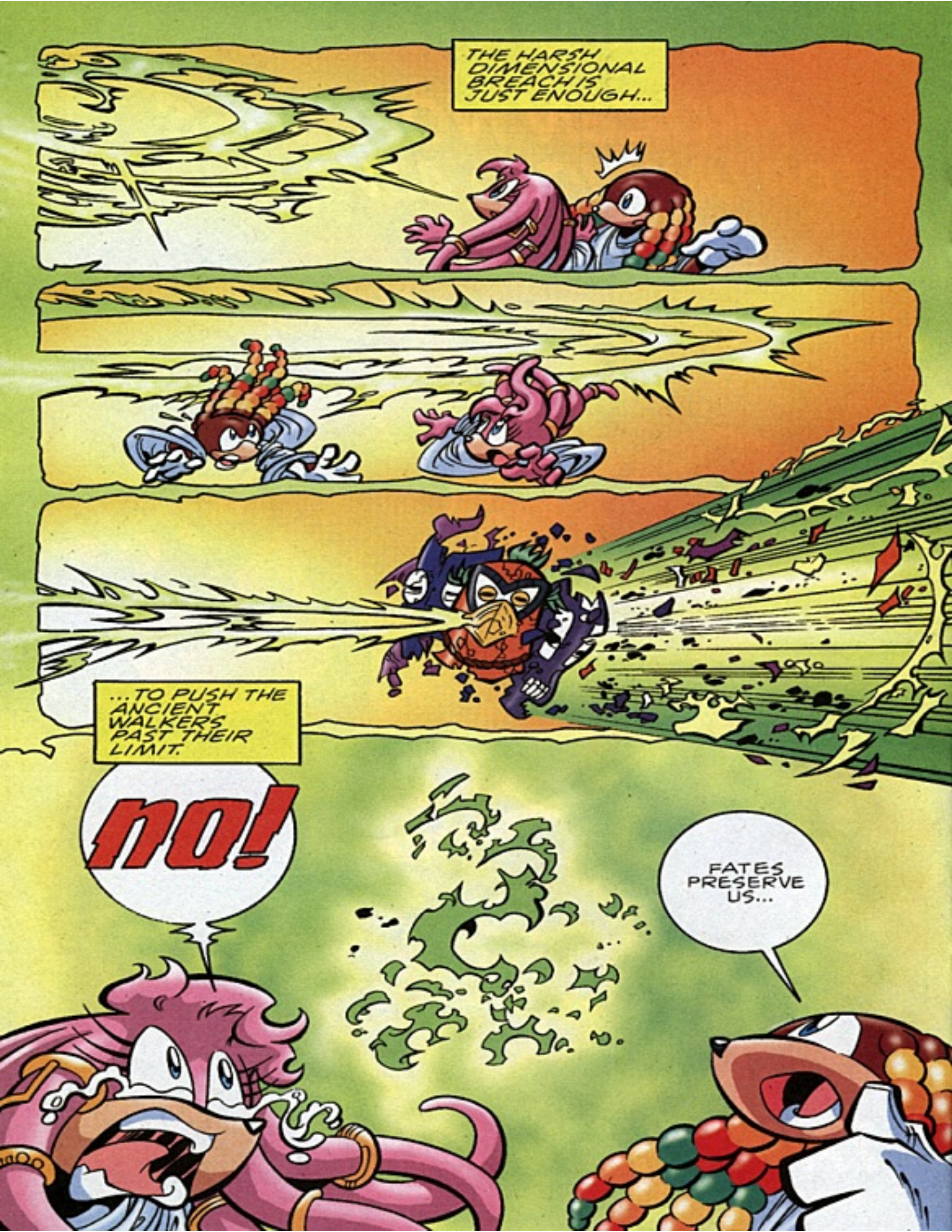


## TRY THEM ALL!

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THE HARSH  
DIMENSIONAL  
BREACH IS  
JUST ENOUGH...

...TO PUSH THE  
ANCIENT  
WALKERS  
PAST THEIR  
LIMIT.

**no!**

FATES  
PRESERVE  
US...







**S**NIVELY KINTOBOR WAS ONCE DR. IVO "EGGMAN" ROBOTNIK'S CHIEF TOADY AND IS ONE OF HIS FEW REMAINING RELATIVES. THE OTHER, HOPE KINTOBOR, IS A YOUNG ORPHAN UNDER THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. NOW, LIKE HOPE, SNIVELY LIVES WITH SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS... BUT FOR HOW LONG?

**TIES THAT BIND**

WRITER  
IAN  
FLYNN

PENCILS  
TRACY  
HARDLEY!

COLORS  
JERAY  
LETTERS  
TERESA  
DAWSON

INKS  
JIM  
AMASH

WHAT AM  
I DOING HERE?  
I DON'T BELONG  
WITH SONIC AND  
HIS FRIENDS...  
...DO I?

I'VE ALWAYS  
BEEN IN LEAGUE  
WITH SOME "VILLAINOUS"  
FORCE WHETHER I  
WAS A LACKEY OR THE  
LEADER. I'VE ALWAYS  
BEEN AT ODDS WITH  
THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS.

AND THEN  
THERE'S HOPE.  
ORPHANED--  
--LEFT BEHIND  
BY HER PEOPLE--  
--EVEN RELATED  
TO ME AND UNCLE  
ROBOTNIK.

AND STILL  
SHE'S FOUND  
HER PLACE  
AMONG THESE  
ANIMALS AND  
IS HAPPY...

WHAT  
THE...?

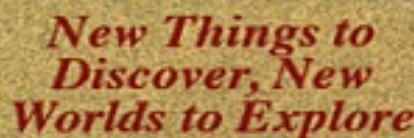
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arrived, and  
o and Luigi  
in an all-new  
for Nintendo  
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adventure will have the  
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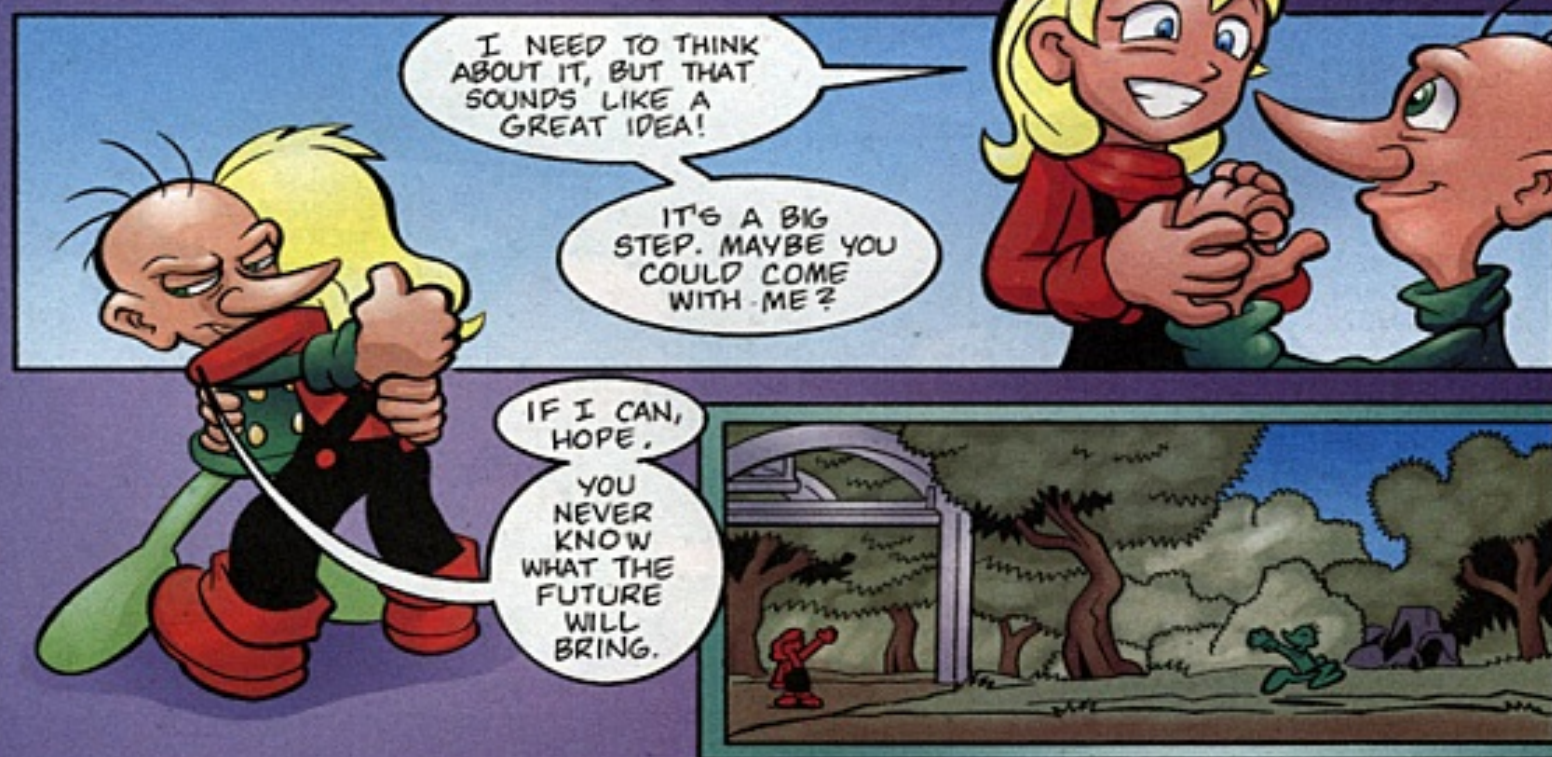
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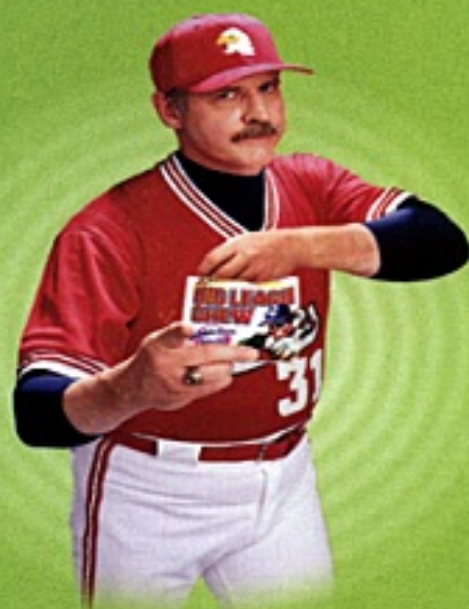




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